

REMARKS

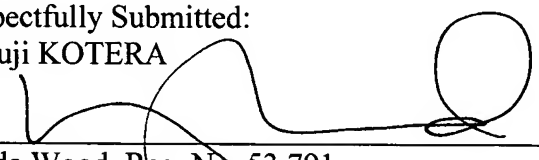
Claims 1 through 5 remain in this case. The amendment to the specification was to correct the filing date of the priority application from December 26, 2002, to December 6, 2002 as stated in the present application. This was a typographical error. The correct date was present in the signed declaration/power of attorney, the application data sheet, and the certified copy, all of which was filed with the application. Please note that the official filing receipt received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office indicates the correct date of December 6, 2002 also.

Conclusion

If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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